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for the purpose in the next year's budget under New Works. Special repairs to the Pier are also now being carried on and the estimated expenditure in the current year is Rs 50,000 while a provision of Rs 25,000 has been made in the budget for the next year.

28. *Superannuation Allowances and Pensions.*—With a view to afford relief to the families of officers in Government service dying in harness or within one year after retirement, a scheme of compassionate gratuities has been introduced with effect from 1st Vrischigam 1108. The minimum service required for the grant of the gratuity is 5 year's service qualifying for pension. The gratuity will be calculated at one month's pay for every year of qualifying service, based on the monthly pay on 1st Chingam each year. The maximum service for which the gratuity will be allowed is 30 years. The maximum monthly pay for calculating the gratuity has been fixed as Rs 400 and the maximum amount of the gratuity as Rs 3,000. In the case of pensioners the amount of pension drawn will be deducted from the gratuity calculated as above. The expenditure in the current year is expected to stand at Rs 1,500. An allotment of Rs 20,000 has been provided for the payment of gratuity next year.

29. *The Public Service Recruitment Committee.*—This Committee which was appointed to enquire into and report on the question of placing the system of recruitment to Public Service on a definite basis began its work in Chingam of the current year. The report is expected to be ready by the close of this year and provision is made in the budget for the next year for one month only.

30. *Village Panchayats.*—Six Panchayats have been organised during the current year and three more are proposed to be organised during the coming year, one at Kumarakam in the Kottayam Division and the others at Ayiroor and Kundara in the Quilon Division. A provision of Rs 10,000 is proposed for the payment of contribution to the Panchayats under Section 44 (3) of the Village Panchayats Regulation.

31. *Anchal.*—For the speedy transmission of mails it is proposed to introduce motor mail service between Vaikam and Ettumanoor and also between Ettumanoor and Poonjar, in place of the present runner service. The runner service between Vandamettu and Udumbanshola abolished from Edavam 1107 is also proposed to be resumed, as transmission of mails by motor along a circuitous route has led to much delay. Consequent on the formation and working of a number of Insurance companies, the volume of work in some of the Anchal Offices and in the Anchal Superintendent's Office has increased. The entertainment of a temporary additional staff was therefore sanctioned during the current year. It is proposed to continue this staff next year also.

32. *State Land Mortgage Bank.*—Last year I had made mention of the opening of the Land Mortgage Bank as a Government concern. The Bank grants loans for the liquidation of prior debts on land, the minimum and maximum limits being Rs 250 and Rs 3,000 respectively.

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Loans to the extent of Rs 3,01,750 have already been sanctioned by the Bank up to the end of Edavam. A sum of Rs 3 lakhs has been provided in the next year's budget for an overdraft accommodation to the Bank.

33. *Temple Entry Enquiry Committee.*—This Committee was constituted during the current year to enquire into and report on the question of temple entry. The Committee started work from 17th December 1932 and have issued a questionnaire to nearly 6,000 persons including owners and trustees of temples, representatives of associations, etc. Besides, for the purpose of eliciting public opinion the Committee have toured the State, camped at several places and examined witnesses representing different shades of opinion. The evidence thus collected is being printed. It may be necessary to hold a few more sittings for considering the materials collected and settling the lines on which the report is to be drafted. Provision has been made for the continuance of the Committee till the end of Chingam 1109.

Capital Expenditure not charged to Revenue.

34. *Railways.— Quilon—Trivandrum Railway.*—A provision of Rs ·42 of a lakh is made for the next year for the works detailed in Appendix H.

35. *Chackai-Tampanoor Extension.*—The work has been completed. A small provision of Rs ·39 of a lakh is made for payment of pending bills, establishment charges and a few minor items of expenditure.

36. *Trivandrum Water Works.*—The work is nearing completion. The Main Supply Line, the Filter House and the Low Level Service Reservoir have practically been completed and town distribution pipes have been laid for nearly 68 miles. The dam masonry at Aruvikarai, the High Level Reservoir and the erection of street fountains are in progress. A provision of Rs 3·43 lakhs has been made for the ensuing year. It is expected that it will be possible to commence distribution of water early next year. An allotment of Rs ·71 of a lakh has been made for the maintenance staff and contingencies under XXVII. Water-Supply—Working expenses.

37. *Trivandrum Electric Supply and Telephone Schemes.—Electric Supply.*—The proposed allotment of Rs 1·43 lakhs, for the next year includes Rs 1 lakh under Incomplete Works for the installation of a fifth generating set and for the extension of Office building. Under New Works, Rs 18,400 is provided for a new sub-station at Vallakadavu with necessary equipments. The total cost of the scheme at the end of the current year is expected to stand at Rs 6·68 lakhs. 44 miles of overhead and 9½ miles of high tension underground cables have been laid so far. It is proposed to extend the supply mains by another 4 miles next year, for which a sum of Rs 12,000 is provided in the budget. The net revenue estimated for the scheme for this

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